

REMARKS

Claims 1-5 and 7-14 are pending in this application. Claims 1 and 9 are independent claims. Claims 1 and 9 are amended. Claim 6 was previously cancelled. Reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested.

Statement Under 37 C.F.R. §1.133(b)

In response to the telephonic interviews conducted July 24 and July 29, 2008 and the Interview Summary dated August 1, 2008, Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended during the interviews. Applicant has reviewed the Interview Summary and has found it to be substantially accurate in describing the substance of the interviews.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, Second Paragraph

Claims 1-5 and 7-14 stand rejected under 35 USC §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicant has amended independent claims 1 and 9, as proposed in the July 29, 2008 Examiner interview. As indicated in the August 1, 2008 Examiner Interview Summary, the Examiner has agreed that these claim amendments overcome the §112, second paragraph rejections of record.

For at least the reasons stated above related to independent claims 1 and 9, Applicant believes that claims 1 and 9 are patentable. Due at least to the dependence of claims 2-5, 7-8 and 10-14 on claims 1 and 9, Applicant also believes these claims to be patentable. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejections of this claims under 35 U.S.C. §112 be withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's indication that claims 1-5 and 7-14 contain allowable subject matter. Applicant has amended the claims in accordance with the Examiner's suggestions, as discussed in the July 24 and July 29, 2008 Examiner interviews. As indicated in the August 1, 2008 Examiner Interview Summary, the Examiner has agreed that the claim amendments included in this amendment overcome the §112, second paragraph rejections of record.

CONCLUSION

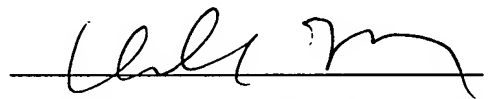
In view of the above remarks and amendments, Applicant respectfully submits that each of the rejections has been addressed and overcome, placing the present application in condition for allowance. A notice to that effect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,
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